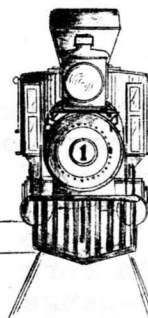




MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM



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DEAR MEMBER:

It is the purpose of the Publicity Committee to produce a monthly news bulletin concerning public transportation items of current interest to our members. Developements pertaining to the things we enjoy in this respect are unfolding so rapidly it is a pleasure indeed whisking them to you with haste.

Progress of Twin City Rapid Transit Streetcar 1300 sparks onward! Much is being accomplished toward its planned operations test which may be sooner than was originally scheduled. But we need your help, member enthusiasts!

At the last meeting of the Minnesota Transportation Museum Committee on February 10th in the Minnesota Historical Society Building in Saint Paul, many interesting and important items were discussed. It now appears a test run of 1300 may occur within two months, locale of first trials to be on the Minnesota Transfer Railway trackage in the Midway between Minneapolis and Saint Paul. A Chevrolet bus engine is tentatively lined up to which a generator will be connected thru services of Member George Isaacs. These two units will be mounted on a 4-wheel section car in cooperation with the M.T. Ry. and connecting cables attached to the streetcar trolley wheel. Section car will be towed along to provide power. The hour of unique triumph is approaching! However, there yet remains a great amount of preparation and we earnestly ask your help in many fields of endeavor in which all of you can contribute an excellent effort.

Publications Committee is anxious to make available its expertly prepared brochure of TCRT equipment in time for next meeting planned for April. They need assistance on typing, particularly from members who know how to justify right-hand margins. If you can help, quickly call Bill Olsen at 332-5341. Immediate response will be greatly appreciated.

Jim Bertand's Shop Committee is effectively meeting the challenge of accomplishing the numerous jobs still remaining to ready the 1300 for its first test run. Jim advises while lying on his back under the car that the 1300's "nerve system---or somp'n'" is so hept up in anticipation that oftentimes the bolts wont remain still long enough for a nut to be screwed on. As you have surmised, 'It wont be long now'. Roof and body work, painting, mechanical adjustments, lettering, carpenter work all need attention from a pair of will hands of each member to extent possible. If you think of it, bring along your thinking cap, too. Sessions are always held every Saturday afternoon beginning at 1 PM thru 5 PM at Minnesota Transfer roundhouse.

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Any amount of time you can spare will progress No. 1300 that much closer toward operation. Call Bill Olsen 332-5341 or Jim Bertrand PA 9-9194. Some of the carpenter work can be done at home if you wish.

The Program and Exhibits Committee plans to set up an operating diorama in form of an enclosure about 6 x 6-foot square and a foot deep wherein an O-gauge or HO-gauge trolley layout will be featured in a scenic setting among residential and business areas. Much of this can also be planned and worked on at home. Call Bill Olsen 332-5341 for particulars to start a project you'll really enjoy.

At the last meeting Colonel Halsey E. Garrison displayed an attractive and expertly constructed set of early fire equipment in $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch scale (twice the size of O-gauge). Among his handiwork were horse-drawn and early automobile pumpers and a hook-and-ladder rig, both hand and steam operated. A horse-drawn ambulance was a modeler's choice morsel. A grand assemblage of street-car equipment, railroad locomotives and rolling stock was displayed by Ray Norton, George Isaacs, Jim Bertrand, Byron Olson and Mike Vinz.

The M T M C enjoys the outlook for a great future and all members now a part of the growing historical movement have many pleasant surprises and plenty of activity to look forward to.

Say, are your dues paid up? With the last bulletin each member was advised of his dues status. If you have not yet responded we shall appreciate your sending the Museum Committee a remittance today if possible direct to Minnesota Historical Society St. Paul 1, or to Secretary Judith Sandberg at 735 Woodlawn Avenue, Apt. #104, Saint Paul 16. If you desire to check further call Judy at 698-9579. Many thanks.

The Site Committee is busily engaged in determining a permanent location with maximum number of advantages embraced in such a locale. Three principal locations are currently being worked on: South end of the Minneapolis Anoka & Cuyuna Range Railway in northeast Minneapolis; Como Park; and Northern Pacific siding adjacent to Snelling Avenue east of the Great Northern's State Fairgrounds Spur in Saint Paul. We hope to have more particulars on the Site Committee's progress next issue as well as endeavors of the other sub-committees.

Don't forget to remit your dues up-to-date or an installment toward it. This is very important if we are to remain solvent while incurring expenses of advancing the 1300 toward operating status.

Yours for a choice rattan seat,

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE . P

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